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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Action mailed February 24, 2005, please reconsider this application in light of following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 6-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,397,909 (Moslehi) in view of U. S. Patent No. 5,882,994 (Araki). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 6 recites forming a field oxidation film and a second gate oxide film through selective oxidation by using the oxidation protection film as a mask. The Examiner contends that Moslehi's interim gate etch-stop layer 52 corresponds to the claimed oxidation protection film and Moslehi's field insulating region 42 to the claimed field oxidation film and concludes va-109142